

The Big Picture

THE THINGS THAT SHAPE YOUR BUSINESS

TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

New Golf Course Developments in the 'Old Line State'



Though a few proposed golf courses have been dealt losing hands by opposing environmental groups, several projects are underway or in planning in Maryland. A major remodel is slated to begin next spring on the George Cobb-designed University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park. The \$2.5-million project will refresh most of the layout. Architect Dan Schlegel has been hired to oversee a master plan to create a new course at Fort Meade, a project mandated by the National Security Agency, which wants to move its headquarters onto the two 18-hole layouts within this 5,400-acre military preserve. Davis Love III is overseeing a major remodel of TPC of Avenel in Potomac. And in Harwood, Sallie Mae Chairman Alfred J. Lord is completing his exclusive Greg Martin-designed course at Anne Arundel Manor. For details on these and other golf projects around the United States, visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the change in the number of rounds played in September 2007 compared to the number of rounds played in September 2006.

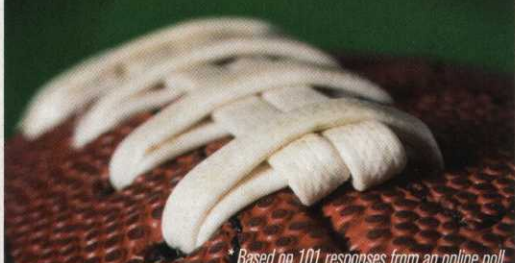
REGION	SEPT.	Y.T.D.
New England ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT	8.1%	5.5%
Middle Atlantic NY, PA, NJ	13.3%	2.2%
East North Central MI, OH, IN, IL, WI	11.6%	1.2%
West North Central ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO	0.5%	-1.6%
South Atlantic WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA	3.7%	0.2%
Florida	-1.1%	-0.3%
South Central KY, TN, AL, MS, OK, AR, LA	-1.6%	-5.7%
Texas	-5.0%	-10.0%
Mountain MT, ID, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM	0.2%	0.5%
Pacific WA, OR, AK, HI	-2.4%	2.1%
California	-3.5%	3.4%
TOTAL UNITED STATES	4.6%	0.1%

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Ready ... Set ... Hollywood

With football season in full swing, we have football movies on the mind. What's your favorite football film?

- Rudy 29%
- Remember the Titans 25%
- Brian's Song 18%
- The Longest Yard (Old version) 17%
- Friday Night Lights 6%
- Invincible 3%
- We Are Marshall 2%



*Based on 101 responses from an online poll.

A Good Place to Work — And Warm Year-Round

Forbes.com recently released its annual list of cities that will have the highest and lowest job growth in the next five years. On the plus side, five Florida cities occupy the top-10 spots, which are:



1. Cape Coral, Fla.
2. Las Vegas
3. Naples, Fla.
4. Sarasota, Fla.
5. McAllen, Tex.
6. Port St. Lucie, Fla.
7. Riverside, Calif.
8. Fayetteville, Ark.
9. Ocala, Fla.
10. Phoenix



The worst cities for growth are:

1. New Orleans
2. San Jose, Calif.
3. Hickory, N.C.
4. San Francisco, Calif.
5. Detroit
6. Cambridge, Mass.
7. Flint, Mich.
8. Binghamton, N.Y.
9. Canton, Ohio
10. Dayton, Ohio